(*b*) the number of process servers and peons in the Judicial Department ; and

(*c*) the number of Amins in the Judicial Department.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*). Government do not propose to call for the information as the time and labour involved in the preparation of the statement are out of all proportion to its possible utility.

MR. K SANKARAN (*Karthikapalli I*) May I take it from the member that the preparation of a list of the clerks in one particular department is a very difficult task ?

PRESIDENT : Presumably; that is the answer. It does not require any further comment.

Bridge across the Alwaye ferry.

265. ✻**MR. M. K. JANARDANA KAMATH** (*Commerce and Industry, North*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are making arrangements to build a bridge across the Alwaye ferry ;

(*b*) whether they are in receipt of plans and estimates for the same ; and

(*c*) whether they will be in a position to start work during 1110?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) to (*c*) No.

Opening of the Alleppey-Shertala canal.

266. ✻**MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON** (*Shertala I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the total cost hitherto incurred by the Government for the Shertala-Alleppey canal, including the land acquisition charges ;

(*b*) the total number of miles hitherto cut open at both ends of the proposed canal ;

(*c*) the total length which yet remains to be cut open and its approximate estimate of cost ;

(*d*) whether any amount is yearly sanctioned for its maintenance ;

(*e*) if not why ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Rs. 5,52,804 including land compensation.

(*b*) 5 miles, 3,083 feet at both the ends together.

(*c*) 7 miles, 4, 517 feet costing approximately Rs. 1,57, 100.

(*d*) Yes. Rs. 1,688.

(*e*) This question does not arise.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANAHBA MENON (*Shertala I*) : May I know from the member whether the Government will sympathetically consider the feasibility of resuming the scheme ?

MR. K. R. ELANKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : On a point of order. The member is asking for the opinion of Government.

PRESIDENT : The Government member would have told him so.

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Government will consider it.

Isolation shed attached to the Alwaye District Hospital.

267. *MR. M. K. JANARDANA KAMMATH (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is an isolation shed connected with the Alwaye District Hospial;

(*b*) whether small-pox patients were admitted there;

(*c*) whether the present Medical Officer has raised any objection for admitting small-pox patients into that shed:

(*d*) whether he has reported in favour of closing the same for small-pox patients;

(*e*) whether they have passed any order regarding the Medical Officer's report about closing the isolation shed for small-pox patients; and

(*f*) in case the Government are going to close the same, whether they are making any arrangements to treat small-pox patients?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) He pointed out the undesirable proximity of the small-pox ward to the main building in the Hospital.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes. Government have ordered that there was no necessity to shift the small-pox shed from its present site.

(*f*) In view of the answer to part (*e*), this does not arise.

The Coercive processes.

268. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether recourse to severe coercive process is taken in the collection of the current land tax?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Inome Tax Commissioner*): Coercive processes are being taken as usual.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether it works hardship to the people?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): All coercive processes certainly must cause some hardship.

The Alleppey-Aroor road.

269. *MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Alleppey-Aroor road is fit for bus traffic?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Yes, up to 9—seaters.

Sirkar Vakils belonging to the Malayala Brahmin community.

270. *MR. P. C. NARAYANAN BHATTATIRIPAD (*Travancore Jennies, South*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Sirkar Vakils from among the Malayala Brahmin community;

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